

## **TOTALLY AWESOME August 14, 2022**

**Ephesians 3:16** I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you w/ inner strength through His Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love & keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, & how deep His love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete w/ all the fullness of life & power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. <sup>21</sup> Glory to Him in the church & in Christ Jesus through all generations forever & ever! Amen.

**Colossians 3:1** Since you've been raised to new life w/ Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died to this life, & your real life is hidden w/ Christ in God.

*Heaven is about being w/ Jesus. Heaven is about the fullness of Christ. We shouldn't view heaven as a location of escape where we have a big home, nice stuff, healthy bodies, and golden streets.*

***Heaven is the complete fullness of God's glory in our hearts.***

*Salvation is not just an insurance against hell, but **a gateway into God**. Jesus is all that we can have & all that we can desire.*

*God is all love. God is all good. All the time. To infinity & beyond!*

*God is infinite! Infinite means so much that no one can really grasp it.*

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*There's no limit & no place to stop w/ Jesus. No maximum of His grace. God knows no limits, no bounds, no end. All that God is, He is w/out boundaries or limitations.*

*If there were a point where God stopped, then He wouldn't be perfect. If He knew almost everything, but not quite everything then God wouldn't be perfect in knowledge. His understanding wouldn't be infinite.*

**Psalm 147:4 AMP** He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names. 5 Great is our majestic & mighty Lord & abundant in strength; His understanding is inexhaustible, infinite, & boundless.

*If we take all that can be known-past, present, future, spiritual, mental, physical- everywhere, throughout the universe. Let's say God knows all except for one little piece. Then He's not God. He's not perfect. **I'm not worshipping that God.** I'd be embarrassed to be face to face w/ that imperfect God. He has to be omniscient, or I won't worship Him.*

**Hebrews 1:3** The Son radiates God's own glory & expresses the very character of God, & He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command. When He had cleansed us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

*What if God had all the power there is, except just a little bit. And somebody else had it, & God couldn't get to it. We couldn't worship Him. We couldn't say, "He's a God of infinite power, Almighty God. Nothing is impossible w/ You." He'd be close, but not perfect. More power than anyone else, but He'd fall short, & therefore not God, not perfect.*

*Our God is infinitely perfect in knowledge & power.*

**Psalm 139:4** You know what I'm going to say even before I say it, Lord. 5 You go before me & follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! 7 I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, You're there; if I go down to the grave, You're there. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 even there Your hand will guide me, & Your strength will support me.

*If God had goodness, but one little part wasn't good, He wouldn't be our God & Father. If God had love, but didn't have all the love-almost all, but not quite, He still wouldn't be God. **God must be infinite in all that He is. No bounds, no limits, no stopping place, no point that He can't go beyond. When we think of Jesus, we must think infinitely about Him.***

**Psalm 113:4** For the Lord is high above the nations; His glory is higher than the heavens. 5 Who can be compared w/ the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high?

*We use phrases like “she has boundless energy”, “he has unlimited wealth”, “countless stars”– These words describe God alone, they don’t describe anything, but God. They don’t describe space, time, matter, motion, energy, creatures, sand, stars, or anything that can be measured.*

*There is nothing boundless but God & nothing infinite but God. God is self-existent & absolute. Everything else is contingent & relative. Only God knows no degree.*

***God doesn’t extend into space; God contains space.***

C.S. Lewis *“If you could think of a sheet of paper infinitely extended in all directions, and if you took a pencil and made a line one inch long on it, that would be time. When you started to push your pencil, it was the beginning of time and when you lifted it off the paper it was the end of time. And all around, infinitely extended in all directions, is God.”*

**Revelation 1:8** “I am the Alpha & the Omega-the beginning & the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, & who is still to come-the Almighty One.”

*Sometimes we imagine a little cheap god. Someone we can pal around with. Call our “Daddy God”. Someone who helps our team win. We must remember the God who laid the foundations of heaven & earth.*

*Let’s not worship the god of our small imagination, but the true God. **Jesus is the almighty, boundless, infinite, perfect, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, all joy, all grace, all good God.***

*Let’s not pray to a god who is less than who El Shaddai, Jehovah, Yashua ought to be. Jesus is the One, the Perfect, the Almighty God!*

**Isaiah 40:25** “To whom will you compare Me? Who is My equal?” asks the Holy One. 26 Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of His great power & incomparable strength, not a single one is missing. 27 O Jacob, how can you say the Lord doesn’t see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights? 28 Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding. 29 He gives power to the weak & strength to the powerless. 30 Even youths will become weak & tired, & young men will fall in exhaustion. 31 But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run & not grow weary. They will walk & not faint.

*This is the awesome, eternal, invisible, infinite, all-wise, omniscient God; the God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; our Father who is in heaven. He is limitless. He can't be weighed or measured; you can't apply distance or time or space to Him. For He made it all and contains it all in His own heart.*

*He rises above it all, & at the same time, this God is a friendly, congenial God and delights Himself in you and me.*

***Are you content w/ nominal Christianity? Or normal Christianity? Or small-minded Christianity? If not, join me throughout this series...***

*Our loving God! Mighty to save! Infinitely strong in power! And He invites us into a relationship w/ Himself; to share in all the intimacies of the Trinity. Jesus is the Way into the...indescribable...*